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DEAR Mr. Ambassador,

I have enclosed a number of items I thought you would be interested in. I hope the response to Senator Stevenson meets with your approval. The other enclosures pertain to exports and Jackson's and Arron's speech at the UNGA.

People's Temple:

I have been contacted recently by several staffers on the House International Relations Committee about the Temple. Two staffers may accompany Congressman Ryan on his visit to Guyana. One staffer told me that Congressman Zablocki had tentatively approved Ryan's visit. I sent [redacted] a number of letters that I received from Temple members and suggested that he pass on to you the letters from [redacted] (who is now presumably now back in San Francisco, her letter was postmarked from there) and [redacted] These two letters were quite detailed and of more interest since they delineate the alleged charges of the Temple against the Embassy. [redacted] will be receiving an OM from the Department requesting that a Consular Officer contact every Social Security Beneficiary of Jonestown. This request came from the Social Security Administration based upon the newspaper articles that reported allegations made [redacted]

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The OM gives the Embassy the opportunity to respond if you decide the program is unfeasible. Fortunately, SCS checked with me before they drafted the OM and were suprised to hear there were over 125 annuitants at the townsite.

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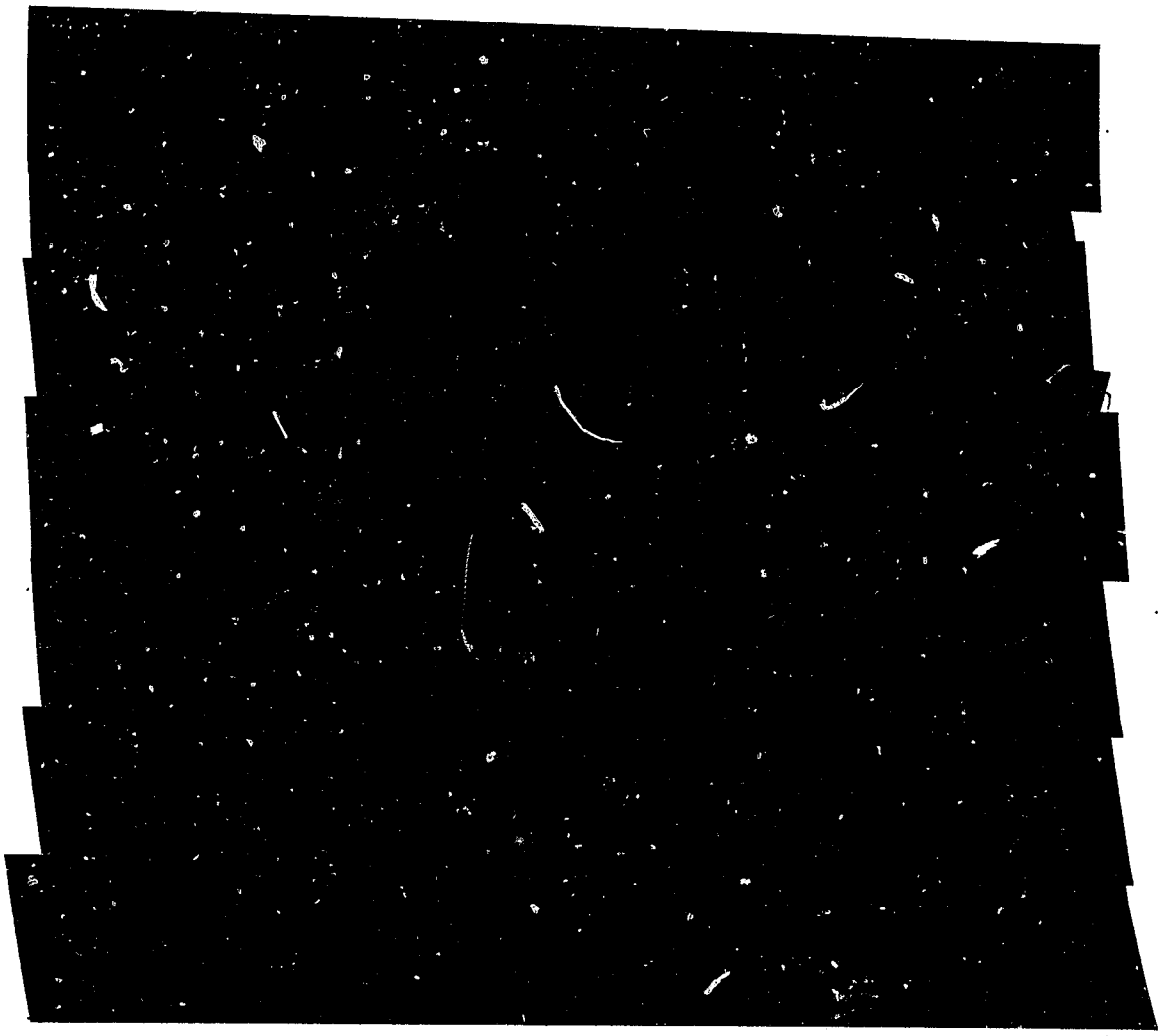

Lisa joins me in sending our best wishes to you and the Embassy staff.

Sincerely,

Richard A McCoy
Office of Caribbean Affairs

Enclosure: as stated above